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**Subject:** End of Day -- April 25, 2018

## PRESS

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**Hosted press event in Sacramento and issued the following press releases:** U.S. EPA awards Brownfields funding, helping revitalize blighted properties and promote economic redevelopment

<https://epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-awards-225-million-brownfields-funding-northern-california-helping-revitalize>

<https://epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-awards-14-million-brownfields-funding-nevada-helping-revitalize-blighted>

<https://epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-awards-465000-brownfields-funding-arizona-helping-revitalize-blighted-properties>

<https://epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-awards-300000-brownfields-funding-hawaii-helping-revitalize-blighted-properties>

### Early coverage of Brownfields announcements:

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2018/04/05/arizonans-receive-money-to-clean-up-brownfields>

<https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2018/04/25/epa-awards-funding-to-clean-up-these-two-arizona.html>

<http://mauinow.com/2018/04/25/epa-awards-300000-to-revitalize-blighted-properties-in-hawaii>

**News Radio KFBK** (Joe Michaels) [Received 4/25] – CLOSED – Reporter attended Brownfields grant announcement event in Sacramento and interviewed ARA Alexis Strauss. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**KRON 4** (Philippe Djegal) [Received 4/25] – CLOSED – Reporter left voicemail asking if EPA had a statement in response to Tetra Tech's press release about Hunters Point Naval Shipyard cleanup. Called reporter back for more details and deadline had passed. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 4/25] – OPEN – Reporter asked if EPA had a statement in response to Tetra Tech's press release about Hunters Point Naval Shipyard cleanup. Will work with program on response. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**East Bay Express** (Gabrielle Canon) [Received 4/24] – OPEN – Reporter has questions about the EBMUD press release. Waiting for clearance on response. DDL: 4/25. ENF, NorCal. Michele Huitric

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 4/17] – OPEN – Reporter has new questions about Bayview Hunters Point site and recent results regarding buildings on Parcel A. Working with program on response. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**Student/Freelancer** (Vivian Underhill) [Received 4/25] – CLOSED – Reporter/Student is looking for GIS shape files for aquifer exemptions that DOGGR created. Is having difficulty finding them online and was looking for a contact. Sent reporter Teresa's contact information. SoCal. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**KAWC, Yuma NPR Affiliate** (Maya Robnett) [Received 4/24] – OPEN – Science reporter would like less than 15 minutes of phone interview to discuss Border 2020 grant announcement. Waiting on HQ to approve radio interview with the director of the San Diego Border office, LND/Border, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**KCRW, LA NPR Affiliate** (Evan George) [Received 4/24] – CLOSED – Reporter wanted brief radio interview on leadership in Region 9 office since there is no political appointee. Referred reporter to HQ. ORA/HQ, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**ZDF (national German public broadcaster)** (Steffanie Riess) [Received 4/25] – CLOSED – During a private uranium mine tour led by EPA, Navajo President's office and government cleared German documentary film crew to go along on tour without informing EPA. Spoke with producer, alerted HQ, Linda Reeves on camera. Crew plans to attend tomorrow's public meeting. Navajo, SFD, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Cronkite News** (Abdel Jimenez) [Received 4/23] – OPEN – Reporter interested in Tucson airport Superfund site and requesting interview. Will provide written responses. SFD, AZ, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Documentary Filmmaker** (Leana Hosea) [Received 4/18] – OPEN – Filmmaker working on documentary looking at Flint water crisis and Navajo drinking water issues. Requests interview. We corresponded with filmmaker at length last year and provided background information on the agency's work. Filmmaker will be on Navajo this May and is seeking an on camera interview. SFD, Navajo Nation, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Student Journalist** (Matt Roberts) [Received 4/18] – OPEN – Student reporter met RPM and CIC at recent event on Navajo. He is requesting interviews with staff to "humanize" the agency. Waiting for questions. SFD, AZ, Margot Perez-Sullivan

Additional coverage of EBMUD press release:

- **KPIX (CBS):** [EPA Fines East Bay Cities For Allowing Untreated Sewage To Flow Into San Francisco Bay](#)
- **KNTV:** [EPA Fines East Bay Cities, Water Agencies For Allowing Sewage Into Bay](#)
- **Berkeley Patch:** [Berkeley Fined For Releasing Raw Sewage Into San Francisco Bay](#)
- **SF Bay:** [EPA issues fines for untreated sewage in Bay](#)
- **Water Online:** [U.S. EPA Fines East Bay Communities And Municipal Utility District For Sewage Discharge Violations](#)

Coverage of Border 2020 press release:

- **Sun News:** [EPA Grant for Environmental Projects Along the Arizona/Sonora Border](#)
- **Imperial Beach Patch:** [EPA Awards Over \\$300K in Grants to Manage Border Waste](#)

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Brownfields Grants** -- Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the grants announced today and linked to the news release, [U.S. EPA awards \\$2.25 million in Brownfields funding in Northern California, helping revitalize blighted properties and promote economic redevelopment](#). The [tweet](#) included a photo of Alexis Strauss at the Sacramento brownfields event today.

**Border 2020 Grants** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page, yesterday and today, about the grants announced yesterday and linked to our news releases, in English and Spanish, [U.S. EPA announces \\$327,000 for environmental projects along the California/Baja California border](#), [U.S. EPA anuncia \\$327,000 para proyectos ambientales a lo largo de la frontera de California/Baja California](#), [U.S. EPA announces \\$389,000 for environmental projects along the Arizona/Sonora border](#) and [U.S. EPA anuncia \\$389,000 para proyectos ambientales a lo largo de la frontera Arizona / Sonora](#).

### Web Updates:

**Federal Green Challenge** – Completed several updates and added documents related to webinars to our [Federal Green Challenge](#) site.

#### **Online Updates:**

**Facilities** – Added latest committee meeting agendas and minutes to the [Safety & Health page](#) of the Facilities site.

## **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

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**Arizona Special Election for 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Results:** Republican Debbie Lesko has won the special election in Arizona's 8th District, defeating Democrat Hiral Tipirneni. Lesko, a former state legislator, had 53 percent of the vote to Tipirneni's 47 percent when the Associated Press called the race with over 155,000 early votes tallied. This Special Election was held yesterday to fill the seat formerly held by Rep. Trent Franks who resigned from Congress in December 2017.

**Congressional Outreach on Brownfields Grant Announcements:** Brent Maier shared today's press releases for Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada with Congressional staff for Senators and House Members whose Districts/States included recipients receiving Brownfields environmental assessment, revolving loan fund and cleanup grants.

**Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA-51):** Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call today with Paola Guzman, Field Representative in the Congressman's Chula Vista Office who requested a briefing update on how the Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP) works in terms of how the money is awarded/allocated. Participants in today's call included Water Division's Doug Eberhardt, Doug Liden and Roger Kohn and Land Division's Hector Aguirre.

**Congressional Outreach on April 25<sup>th</sup> Brownfields Event:** Brent shared today's press release regarding the April 25<sup>th</sup> Brownfields event with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Rep. Doris Matsui.

**Tomorrow – Thursday, April 26, 2018 - Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Johanna Montiel, Legislative Assistant in the Congressman's DC office regarding the Casmalia Resources Superfund Site and the EPA settlements history and funding reserves for ongoing cleanup activities at the Site. Brent followed up with Russ Mechem who is the Superfund Remedial Project Manager for the Casmalia Resources Superfund Site and was provided some links where the settlements are listed along with settlement funds collected. Brent shared links to the Casmalia Resources Superfund Site: <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0901257> and a link to a list of settlements completed to date: <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.cleanup&id=0901257#Enforce> The list of settlements is covered under "Cleanup Activities", just scroll down to "Enforcement Information". Altogether, these settlements have recovered over \$119 million to help fund response actions at the site. With regard Johanna's question of how much settlement money is currently in the Casmalia clean-up fund, it is a little complicated with multiple settlements, multiple phases of work, and multiple funding sources. Brent has confirmed a call for Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to discuss and answer any remaining questions Johanna may have.

**Tomorrow – Thursday, April 26, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with Imperial County, California Supervisors:** Supervisor Ray Castillo (Board Chairman), Supervisor Michael Kelley, Tony Rouhotas, Jr., County Executive Officer, Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter, Intergovernmental Relations Director, Hasan Sarsour, Imperial County Federal Representative, and Joe Krahn, Imperial County Federal Representative will be meeting with Office of Water Clean Water SRF, Water Infrastructure & Resiliency Finance Center, and Region IX staff for a general discussion regarding Salton Sea-related concerns; Guidance from WIFIA headquarters and Regional staff – re: Option to Re-apply for future WIFIA funding rounds; Exploration of Federal sources of support for the Salton Sea issues (dialogue with Office of Water Clean Water SRF, Water Infrastructure & Resiliency Finance Center, and Region IX staff). Background: Members of the Imperial County (CA) Board of Supervisors requested a meeting at EPA HQ to discuss the status of agency activities/efforts in response to the two U.S. Senators' and House-delegation members' December 2017 request that DOI, USDA, EPA and U.S. ACE establish

an interagency working group to help “identify, coordinate and extend financial and technical resources to support Salton Sea management in partnership with the State of California, the Salton Sea Authority, and other local stakeholders.” In his March 13, 2018 response to the delegation, OW AA David Ross focused on EPA’s receipt of a 2017 Letter of Interest for WIFIA assistance from the State’s Salton Sea Management Program, the ensuing invitation/application process for program funding, a follow-up discussion between State representatives and WIFIA program staff in September 2017, and Salton Sea Authority representatives’ participation in a WIFIA outreach session here in DC in January 2018. The meeting will focus on WIFIA guidance, as well as guidance on other sources of Federal support to address issues facing the Salton Sea. Region 9 invitees to the call include Water Division’s Doug Eberhardt, Liz Borowiec, Roger Gorke, and Air Division’s Amy Zimpfer.

**Tomorrow - Thursday, April 26, 2018 – House Appropriations and House Energy and Commerce Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearings with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt.

**House Energy & Commerce Committee – 10:00am ET (7:00am PT):** <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/the-fiscal-year-2019-environmental-protection-agency-budget/>

**Prepared testimony for Administrator Scott Pruitt -**

<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IF/IF18/20180426/108218/HHRG-115-IF18-Wstate-PruittS-20180426.pdf>

**House Appropriations Committee – 2:00pm ET (11:00am PT)** <https://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=395262>

#### **Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Tuesday – Wednesday, May 1 – 2, 2018: Mayors Water Council Convenes May 1 – 2, 2018:** EPA’s Office of Water has been invited to participate in USCM’s Mayors Water Council’s Washington, DC meeting as member mayors convene to discuss a number of priorities. OIR is working with USCM and OW staff on the request. Broad discussion topics include: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Policies of Inclusion and Innovation; Water and Sewer Infrastructure Financing; Public Water Affordability and Integrated Planning; and, Regulatory Review. Assistant Administrator for Water Dave Ross has been invited to engage in dialogue with the mayors as they take the opportunity to familiarize him with their perspectives on such matters of interest as: WOTUS; Regions and Consent Decrees (stormwater); Water Reuse Guidance; Guidance on Financial Capability; Integrated Planning; and, the Lead and Copper Rule. AA Ross is unavailable, and Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, will appear in his stead. The Council has also invited OW leads for the MS4 Pilot Projects, and the WIFIA Program to appear with overviews, and engage in discussions. **Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA)**, is Chair of the Council. Over thirty mayors from a cross-section of the country serve on the Council. AA Ross last addressed the Council on January 24, 2018 during USCM’s Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. He discussed EPA’s priority programs WIFIA, SRFs, and those involving Integrated Stormwater Management Planning and he listened to member mayors about their concerns. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon.

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44):** Congresswoman Nanette Barragan called Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss to ask if our office could join the Water Board and City of Compton on a discussion panel next Wednesday, May 2, 6 – 7:30 pm on the local drinking water distribution system and quality of water served. They’d like us to be prepared to discuss what has been done, what can be done. The water utility and a local physician are also invited. Alexis has asked Water Division Director Tomas Torres to follow up on this request to identify someone from our Water Division to attend and respond to Norchelle Brown in the Congresswoman’s Office at 323 385 0773.

**Friday, May 4, 2018 - Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13):** A 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is scheduled as a follow up to an earlier meeting of Chief of Staff Amy Miller in the Congresswoman’s Oakland District Office that will focus on City of Oakland/Port of Oakland issues. This meeting will involve Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss, Amy Miller, Richard Grow and Desean Garnett and will be taking place on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm and will include Acting District Director Tatyana Kalinga and Field Representative Xavier Johnson.

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt